

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY  
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**

301 State House  
(317) 232-9855

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 8053**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1926

**DATE PREPARED:** Feb 15, 2001

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 15, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Accessibility to Information Technology.

**FISCAL ANALYST:** Sherry Fontaine

**PHONE NUMBER:** 232-9867

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      X      **GENERAL**  
   **DEDICATED**  
   **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill changes all references to data processing in IC 4-23-16 to information technology. The bill adds three members to the Data Processing Oversight Commission. The bill requires the Commission to appoint a subcommittee to adopt standards that are consistent with the principles and goals contained in a federal statute that requires federal computers and other electronic equipment to be accessible to federal employees with disabilities and members of the public with disabilities.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) IC 4-23-16-3 provides that the members of this Commission serve without compensation and may not receive reimbursement for any expenses. The Committee shall also appoint a subcommittee to develop electronic and information technology accessibility standards compatible with the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Since the Commission is required to adopt standards regarding the accessibility of federal equipment and other electronic equipment to federal employees with disabilities and members of the public with disabilities, there may be a cost to state agencies in complying with these standards. These costs would be dependent upon the standards adopted.

A fiscal analysis of a similar bill passed in the Missouri legislature concluded that the costs for developing standards, evaluation, training, and technical assistance for state agencies regarding the accessibility of electronic equipment for the disabled would not exceed \$100,000. As with this bill, the Missouri legislation did not include requirements for agencies to acquire hardware and software. However, once the standards the agencies are required to meet are established, the analysis assumed that agencies could have to purchase hardware and software in order to meet these standards; the cost of which was not known.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** All.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Missouri Committee on Legislative Research.